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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In light of the Christmas and New Year's holidays, Applicants respectfully request that the time for filing a Reply Brief be extended by one month from January 7, 2004 to and including February 7, 2004.

No fee is believed due for this submission. If any fees are required, however, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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